

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 248

Offered by Representative Southworth of Walden

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2026 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team

Whereas, the Hazen boys' basketball team has established an enviable record on the court, appearing in each of the most recent five championship games at the Barre Auditorium, but despite great efforts, it had not brought home the title in 2023, 2024, or 2025, so in 2026, the Wildcats were determined to end the season triumphantly, and

Whereas, in the decisive contest, the second-seeded Wildcats were paired against the top-ranked Randolph Galloping Ghosts, challenging the Hazen hoopsters to prove themselves worthy of this athletic honor, and

Whereas, although the Galloping Ghosts dominated early on, building a 28–26 halftime lead, the Wildcats signaled their readiness to surge ahead, closing the half with an 8–2 scoring advantage, and once the teams resumed play in the third quarter, Hazen ignited a powerful offensive charge, finishing the contest with a convincing 66–49 victory, delighting their exuberant fans, and

Whereas, the pleased Wildcats (20–4) were Jeter Demers, Kobe Smith, Noah Foster, Jameson Lamarre, Talon Michaud, Ethan Gann, Sullivan Laflam, Morgan Michaud, Dawson Michaud, Lincoln Hill, Lucian Jurkiewicz, and Chayse Newell, and

Whereas, Head Coach Aaron Hill and assistant coaches Adam Gann, Travis Hill, Kevin Doyon, Letty Hill, and Evans Bouchard motivated the Wildcats to perform their best, and team managers Blair Demers and Zander Dimick were always supportive of their classmates, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2026 Hazen Union High School Wildcats Division III championship boys' basketball team, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Hazen Union High School.